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முன்பே ஒரு முறை விளக்கியிருக்கிறேன். இரும்பில் பல ரகங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. உயர்ந்த ரக இரும்பு 'ஸ்டீல் பிளாண்டிற்கு' தேவை. மட்டமான இரும்பைக் கொண்டு வேறு தொழில்கள் நடத்தலாம். கனம் யூனியன் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னது வேறு விஷயம். இதைப்பற்றி நாம் வீணாக இப்பொழுது சர்ச்சை செய்ய வேண்டாம் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினரைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

Cauvery water for feeding tanks in Musiri, etc., taluks

* 1214 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered investigation into an irrigation scheme for taking water through a canal from the river Cauvery near Mohanur for feeding tanks in Musiri, Perambalur and Udayarpalayam taluks; and

(*b*) whether such a scheme was recommended to them by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There has been a suggestion to Government in regard to such a scheme and a report was called for from the Special Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. He examined the proposal in some detail and submitted a report which showed that he was not sanguine about the success or suitability of the scheme. The Government agreed with him and no detailed investigation as such was, therefore, ordered."

Tube-wells for Andimadam

* 1215 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from Sri K. R. Viswanathan, M.L.A., dated 23rd December 1953, that one or two sites for the sinking of tube-wells be chosen in Andimadam firka of Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) With reference to the representation of Sri K. R. Viswanathan, M.L.A., the Government of India were requested by this Government to indicate to this Government the procedure that would be followed in the matter of final selection of sites for sinking the tube wells programmed to be sunk in this State under the Indo-U.S. Technical Cooperation Programme. They stated in reply that while the areas already selected by them for sinking the wells were more or less final, the suggestion of this Government in respect of sites in these areas would be considered by the site Selection Committee appointed by them when it visited this

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State. The officials of the Government of India concerned with the selection of sites have since visited several areas in this State including Tiruchirappalli district and the report on the result of their investigations is still awaited."

Central Road Traffic Board

* 1216 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many cases were decided in 1954 by the Central Road Traffic Board where only a single member participated at the meeting?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" One hundred and seven cases, Sir."

Sago Industry

* 1217 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Salem District Chamber of Commerce stating that a crisis is facing the Sago Industry; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to give protection to this industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The following steps have been taken by this Government in this regard :—

(1) The Government of India and the Government of West Bengal have been addressed for the release of the sago bags seized by the Calcutta Corporation and the removal of the ban imposed on Salem sago by the West Bengal Government.

(2) This Government have amended the relevant rules to secure that ' Sago ' is defined as globules manufactured from tapioca starch also.

(3) This Government have requested the Government of India to publish the ' Report on the present position of the sago industry in Salem district ' prepared by a team of experts headed by the Director, Central Food Technological Institute, Mysore, to arrange for the laying down of proper standards for the product and for setting up of a testing laboratory to ensure that the products conform to the standards laid down."

Relief of distress in Nattika firka

* 1218 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount was allotted from the Prime Minister's Fund for relief in Nattika firka, Malabar;